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## 25 new cases and three more deaths related to COVID-19 reported

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 25 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,377.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 2,066 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report their weekend case numbers on Monday.

"Today, the state of Arizona reported over 2,000 new COVID-19 infections for the first time in over five months. The Delta variant is spreading quickly in many states, so please be safe and take precautions. If you visit another household, please wear a mask at all times and encourage your loved ones to wear masks also. A lot of the new cases we are seeing on the Navajo Nation are due to family and social gatherings where people let their guard down and don't wear masks. We also encourage all eligible individuals to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"Keep following all safety protocols recommended by the health experts. The spread of the Delta variant is very concerning and we want to do everything we can to prevent another large surge in new cases. Be safe and keep praying for our communities," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <a href="http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19">http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</a>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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